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SUBJECT: EC COUNCIL (FOREIGN MINISTERS) MEETING, JULY 23-24;

ARTICLE XXIV:6

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3973

1. JANSSEN (FONMIN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE EC-THIRD COUNTRY RELATIONS) INFORMED US THAT AGENDA FOR EC COUNCIL (FOREIGN MINISTERS) MEETING ON JULY 23-24 IN BRUSSELS WILL INCLUDE FOUR MAJOR ITEMS: MTN, ARTICLE XXIV:6, AFRICAN

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ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES POLICY AND EC-GDR RELATIONS. ON

XXIV:6, JANSSEN SAID COMMISSION HAS PREPARED PROPOSAL (AS REPORTED REFTTEL), WHICH HAS THUS FAR SURVIVED PERMREPS AND COMMITTEE 113 MEETINGS DESPITE FRENCH OPPOSITION, FOR OFFER OF PRODUCT CONCESSIONS WITHOUT DESIGNATION OF MAJOR BENEFICIARIES. FRENCH OPPOSITION APPARENTLY BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT THIS STRATAGEM DESIGNED BY COMMISSION TO GET AROUND FRENCH UNWILLINGNESS TO OFFER US ANY COMPENSATION.

2. JANSSEN WAS NOT CLEAR AS TO WHAT COMMISSION MAY HAVE PROPOSED WITH REGARD TO EC-GDR RELATIONS, EXCEPT THAT EC COUNTRIES BELIEVE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW INNER-GERMAN RELATIONSHIP CALLS FOR SOME CHANGE IN SPECIAL TRADE CONNECTION SET OUT IN ANNEX TO TREATY OF ROME.

3. COMMENT. WHILE JANSSEN DID NOT SPELL OUT BELGIAN ATTITUDE ON PROCEDURE DESCRIBED PARA ONE ABOVE, OUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT BELGIANS ARE PRONE TO SUPPORT COMPROMISES BETWEEN FRENCH AND OTHER EC MEMBERS. BOOCHEVER

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